

FireScape: Santa Catalina & Rincon Mountains  
Steering Group Meeting Minutes  
6/3/09

In attendance: Don Falk, Brooke Gebow, Perry Grissom, Bill Hart, Stan Helin, Kristy Lund, Lori Wilson

1. Funding for CR FireScape Project

- We reviewed how fuels projects and FireScape are currently funded. Stan, Kristy, and Bill explained that a designated amount of funds are given to each FS Region annually. On the Coronado, each district “pitches” its projects to a large group represented by all areas. The projects are then reviewed and prioritized in order of importance. The top few projects are generally funded out of several dozen submitted.
- FireScape funding came directly from the Regional office. There is a concern within the Forest Service areas that funding from other projects is being taken away to support CR FireScape. It will be critical that CR FireScape provide value-added tools to assist other Forest Service projects including good complete vegetation maps, cross walk to fuel models, etc. Additionally, we may still need to fine tune the approach to NEPA compliance, since Huachuca FireScape is still not in the clear. Programmatic is preferred by fire staff (NPS prefers programmatic v FS prefers project).
- Stan is to meet with Randall, Pete & Jeanine to figure out how to fund FireScape without it affecting on-the-ground funds. Don indicated that current funding for CR FireScape will meet needs through 2011 and should not affect compete against other Forest Service project funding requests for 2010 and 2011.

2. Program Manager – Position discussion

- This agenda item will be postponed until the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting however it was discussed that Project Manager is needed to move the project along.

3. TEAMS list discussion; Needs & Skill sets

- It was asked whether the amount of money designated for TEAMS was locked.
- Science Group to start with TEAMS by 9/1/09
- Compliance (~~content analysis~~) must submit a proposed action to TEAMS. Have TEAMS do the content analysis.

4. Roles of Steering Group and other members

- Tom Swetnam – Advocate for project, provides broader scope (Big Picture) of project
- Stan Helin – Forest Service Representation, provides Big Picture, decision-maker
- Darla Sidles – Provides Big Picture, National Park Service, decision-maker. Needs to attend Steering Group meetings
- Should Tom, Stan and Darla be part of the Steering Group or just invited to attend all meetings?
- Don Falk – Science Lead
- Brooke/Chris? – Compliance & Implementation Lead
- Kristy – NPS/FS implementation, consistency (Bill’s replacement or Perry sub at Steering Group meetings)
- Steve Plevel – Engagement Lead
- Program Manager – Person to be identified
- Lori Wilson – Administrative support

5. Timeline

- Due 6/26/09: Group members to describe the sequence of activities and events for each component. Then describe the timeline. Stan to provide the FS compliance timeline to Brooke. Once the component sequences are complete we can incorporate it into a project timeline. This is to be done for the following categories: Science, Compliance, Engagement, Implementation, Monitor – Science (implementation regs).

6. Sherry Tune
  - Sherry has accepted another position with the Forest Service and will be relocating to Monterey, CA. The Steering Group will need to meet with Sherry on 6/15/09 at 9:00 a.m. in Stan Helin's office at Sabino Canyon to go over transition and funding and agreements she had put into place for CR FireScape project.
7. Funding
  - Stan, Randall, Pete & Jeanine will need to meet to discuss FS funding, overall status of Randall, Pete & Jeanine's view of this project. Stan to take lead on this.
8. Steering Group meeting time
  - All Steering Group meeting times are the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. located at the Nature Conservancy. July meeting has been shifted to the 8<sup>th</sup> (second Wednesday), 1 pm, at TNC.